

leveraged the economic power of black Americans for social change from urban Philadelphia to the continent of Africa.

As the pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in North Philadelphia where he served for 38 years, he was towering force. His booming voice spread a message of love of God and selfhelp for his people.

Rev. Sullivan, who founded the nation's largest community-based job training program, was regarded as a leader by world leaders. Presidents and corporate heads sought his advice. In 1991, he was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President George Bush. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan says Rev. Sullivan showed the world what one person can do.

Early on in his life, Leon Sullivan was confronted by racism. At the age of 9, while attempting to buy a soda at a drugstore in his hometown in Charleston, West Virginia he was informed he could not sit at the counter. Subsequently he told interviewers that this was a life transforming moment that instilled in him a lifelong commitment to confront injustice.

Rev. Sullivan was known throughout the world because of the establishment of OIC centers in the U.S. and in 17 African nations; the sponsorship of the Sullivan Principles that helped to dismantle South African apartheid; and, his leadership in civil rights. But he was also known and will be remembered for his ability to reach and touch and make a difference in lives of the people of his community.

His death leaves a void in Philadelphia, the nation and the world. His legacy is monumental.

IN TRIBUTE TO J. HANDEL EVANS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to J. Handel Evans, who came to my congressional district five years ago to found Ventura County, California's first four-year public university, and then retired as California State University, Channel Island's first president after a resounding success.

The obstacles Handel faced were enormous. The campus was formerly a state psychiatric hospital. The buildings needed to be refurbished, the school needed a sound financial foundation to augment funding the state would provide, and it needed the support of the state's budget writers.

With skill and patience, Handel built teams and coalitions to achieve his—and our community's—goal.

One example of his skill and perseverance stands out. Last year, the university's ability to open on time was endangered because of a budget battle with the governor. Gov. Davis was withholding a \$10 million state budget earmark for CSU Channel Islands because of a dispute over another CSU campus.

Handel reacted by enlisting every state elected official in the area—from both political parties—and others to pressure the governor to release the funding. Without the funding,

the university would have been unable to hire faculty and other staff necessary to run a university.

Gov. Davis released the funds, and the university will open on time.

How important is it to launch a new university with such skill and perseverance? It is crucial if you want to attract top professors to instruct our young men and women. The school will open with 23 instructors. When the call went out for applicants, 2,300 responded. That's a huge number when one considers our nation still enjoys nearly full employment and the nation faces a teacher shortage.

CSU Channel Islands will help with that problem as well.

Once opened, the Channel Islands campus will serve public schools and educators by providing continuing education to current and future teachers. With annual student enrollments in California projected to grow at a steady rate of about 80,000 per year, it is estimated that nearly 300,000 additional qualified teachers will be needed in California classrooms over the next 10 years. CSU Channel Islands will help my community, the state of California and our nation meet teacher demand.

Those teachers will provide quality education to our children. Our children will then be better prepared to compete in an ever-changing economic environment.

Handel has handed the reins of the university to Richard Rush, formerly president of Minnesota State University at Mankato. He has the background and skills to continue building on the foundation Handel has laid.

And, Handel and his wife, Carol, have decided to remain in Camarillo, near the university. I know he will continue to be involved in its continued growth.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking J. Handel Evans for launching what will be known as a top-notch teacher's university and wish him and Carol a long and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING WEST MICHIGAN GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor eight dedicated young women from West Michigan for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the Girl Scout's highest honor. The award recognizes these outstanding young women for their accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development.

Obtaining the Girl Scout Gold Award involves an extensive commitment, and requires the recipients to earn four interest-project patches. The patches include the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as designing and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project in cooperation with an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

The honorees and a brief summary of their accomplishments for the Girl Scout Gold Award follow: Kyle Johnson, a senior at Zeeland School, created a web page for Zeeland Community Education; Noorain Khan, a Forest Hills Central junior, designed an Islamic Education Youth Director position; Tonya Leeuw, a freshman at Grand Valley State University, utilized her love of gardening by landscaping a portion of the front of the new Byron Community Ministries building; Lauren Magnifico, a junior at Grandville High School, organized the registration records of the Grandville Little League program; Kandace Heinz and Heidi Porter, juniors at Thornapple-Kellogg High School, designed a German cultural event booth for last year's Middleville Heritage Days, and Andrea Dinley, a senior at Byron Center High School, developed a program titled Colorguard Basic Mini-Camp and Video.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize the achievements of this select group of young women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their scouting duties. The hard work and determination they have exhibited during their pursuit of the Gold Award will serve as valuable lessons as they enter adulthood. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this special and dedicated group of young achievers.

SHEDD AQUARIUM CELEBRATES ITS OCEANARIUM'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the John G. Shedd Aquarium as it celebrates the tenth anniversary of its world-renowned Oceanarium. Shedd's Oceanarium is the largest indoor marine mammal habitat in the world. More than 18 million visitors from Illinois and around the world have gained a better understanding of the environment and marine mammals by visiting the Oceanarium.

Shedd Aquarium is an international leader in aquatic education as well as animal husbandry, care and training. The Aquarium spearheads numerous conservation initiatives, both locally and abroad, participating in animal rescue efforts and performing in-house studies ranging from sensory biology to animal health. Shedd will commemorate the Oceanarium's anniversary with a year-long celebration filled with exciting activities and never before offered behind the scenes glimpses, the unveiling of a new marine mammal show, chances to meet one-on-one with animal-care specialists and an opportunity to eat breakfast with the dolphins.

The Oceanarium has contributed to the body of knowledge about marine life and enhances public understanding and appreciation of aquatic life and conservation. Shedd's participation in the North American Cooperative Beluga Breeding Program allows scientists to study the behavior of beluga whales and other animals that can't easily be studied in the wild, gaining a better understanding of whale biology and behavior. After seeing the beluga

whales up close visitors to the Oceanarium gain a greater appreciation of the special nature of marine mammals and how humans impact their survival in the wild.

On April 27th, Shedd launches a new presentation, "Totally Training". The "Totally Training" experience gives visitors to the Oceanarium the unique opportunity to watch marine mammal presentations evolve daily as the dolphins and other animals learn new behaviors. Shedd's marine mammal presentations educate by showing natural behaviors of animals—such as dolphins porpoising (jumping). After each presentation, Shedd's expert marine mammal trainers will be available to talk to guests one-on-one.

Mr. Speaker, Shedd Aquarium's "Oceanarium Turns 10" celebration highlights a decade of achievements in conservation and education. Since its doors opened in 1991, the Oceanarium has been changing the way Chicagoans and the world think about the environment and marine mammals.

CONGRATULATING THE BEVERLY
HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND CHORUS

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud a group of 180 students in my Congressional District who visited Washington, DC yesterday morning to entertain gatherers at the Lincoln Memorial. The Beverly High School Band and Chorus deserves to be commended for the hard work and practice it takes to perform at such a high level, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them.

In addition to a wonderful experience here yesterday, these students have learned many valuable lessons from being part of this talented and impressive group. Clearly, for a band and chorus to be successful, it must work as one. Teamwork is a lesson these students have learned well, and it will be one that they carry with them as they encounter new challenges in the years ahead.

Practice and perseverance have become second nature to the members of this organization. These are cornerstones of living, and these students already have a strong grasp on these concepts at a young age.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, each one of these students, as well as their teachers and chaperones, have found joy in this adventure that began in the Sixth Congressional District of Massachusetts and ended in glory at the Lincoln Memorial. They have made all the people in the Commonwealth proud of their work, and they have provided examples of leadership to all they know. I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors, and I am confident that the lessons they have learned will not be forgotten.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN
OF SPRING LAKE, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the town of Spring Lake, North Carolina on May 5, 2001. The entire town will be celebrating at the Golden Anniversary Parade, which is to be one of the biggest parades in the town's history. Over 100 entrants, including antique cars, high school marching bands, and floats and cars sponsored by local businesses and civic groups, will participate in the parade. An Arts & Crafts Bazaar, petting zoo, and a fireworks finale will round out the celebration.

In addition to the revelry and excitement of the parade, a new 50-acre industrial park, the first in the town of Spring Lake, will be dedicated and shall be open for business soon. Also joining members of the town that day will be senior officials from Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, along with members of several veterans' organizations, to dedicate the first-ever military memorial in Spring Lake.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the all-American town of Spring Lake, North Carolina on its 50th anniversary, and I would ask all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the hard-working, patriotic men and women who make Spring Lake such a great place to live and work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION AND
STATEMENT REGARDING SOUTH
SUBURBAN THIRD AIRPORT

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in Springfield, Illinois on April 24, 2001 in order to testify on the merits of the proposed South Suburban Third Airport before the Illinois House Aviation Committee. As a result, I was unable to cast votes for Roll Call votes numbered 85 and 86. Had I been able to be present for votes, I would have voted nay on Roll Call vote number 85, the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H. Con. Res. 83, The Congressional Budget for Fiscal Year 2002. I would have voted yea on Roll Call vote number 86, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 428 as amended, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

Mr. Speaker, I missed these votes because I believe that the development of the South Suburban Third Airport is vitally important to Illinois economy and the Nation's aviation infrastructure. I testified in support of developing the proposed South Suburban Airport and Governor Ryan's appropriation request of \$15 million for land acquisition. If the State of Illinois is to remain economically competitive, the air capacity must be increased. Governor George Ryan's decision to move forward with

land acquisition shows bold leadership to achieve both.

Seventeen years ago, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered the States of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and the City of Chicago to evaluate the region's future aviation needs and to determine possible solutions. The Chicago Area Capacity Study was formed by Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Chicago to look for a new site. That study concluded in 1988 that Chicago needed a supplemental airport to relieve overcrowding at O'Hare and Midway. Subsequent studies found there was a need for additional capacity by the year 2000, and that the supplemental capacity should be located at a new South Suburban Airport.

As we now know, the results of that study accurately foretold the future. In 2000, Chicago hit aviation gridlock as the runways, airspace and ground transportation network near the airports reached capacity. Today, peak travel times to and from O'Hare and Downtown often exceed one hour. Remote parking access to or from the terminals can often take 35 to 45 minutes.

The gridlock at O'Hare and Midway not only affects Chicago and its suburbs, but the entire state and nation. When air capacity is limited, airlines focus on the most profitable routes (international route) and ignore less lucrative business (short-range domestic routes). As we have seen, the process of dumping short lower-profit flights in favor of long, higher profit ones has already begun at O'Hare. In the past two years, O'Hare eliminated service to 13 Midwestern markets, but added service to more than 20 foreign cities. This shift has hurt the downstate Illinois economy and limited transportation options for its residents.

Chicago's capacity problems are well-documented. Numerous studies, including ones by the USDOT, the FAA, IDOT and the City of Chicago, conclude that Chicago needs new runways. The question is where.

The Greater Rockford Airport was once considered a possible third airport site. While Rockford is very important to the northern Illinois area, the Illinois Department of Transportation eliminated it as a third airport site in the 1988 study for the following reasons: It was deemed to be too far—97 miles—from the Chicago Business District. Rockford is 50 miles past Elgin, which is at the edge of the Chicago urbanized area. The Peotone site abuts the edge of suburbia and is 35 miles from Downtown Chicago. The Rockford market area for obtaining origin and destination passengers was too small for a major commercial airport. In comparison, the Peotone site has 2.5 million people living within a 45 minutes drive. According to the latest census data, Will County is one of the fastest growing areas in Illinois. Two rivers border the Greater Rockford Airport, thus hampering any growth possibilities for longer runways. Additionally, the expanded airport boundaries and accompanying noise contours would severely impact many Rockford residents.

Gary Indiana Municipal Airport also has been considered. However, Gary has very little room to grow. Expanding Gary to a size comparable to the Peotone site would require relocating the Indiana Tollway, the Calumet River, 47 miles of railroads, 1,000 acres of wetlands, several toxic landfills, and about